Execution Cases

*444. SHRI CANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFARS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons executed after tne judgements of various courts during the period from January,1,1985 to October,31,1991;

(b) the number of pending cases in which judgements for execution have already been passed; and

(c) the reasons for delay in execution of the guilty in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW,JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K.VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) to (c). The desired information has been called for from all State Governments and Union Territories who are converned in the matter. The said information will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

Repairs to National Highway No. 30

*445. SHR VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway No. 30 is not in a traffic worthy condition; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to improve the condition of this National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY THE SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). National Highway No. 30 in Bihar is being kept generally in traffic worthy condition. Certain stretches of the National Highway got damaged during the last monsoon. These are being repaired as a part of the normal maintenance operation, subject to constraints of resources.

During 1988-89 to 1990-91, development works costing Rs. 295.00 lakhs and Flood Damage/Special Repair works costing Rs. 179.00 lakhs were sanctioned on this National Highway. This is in addition to improvement works included in Annual Plan 1991-92 for sanction, out of which estimates for 17 kms. length costing Rs. 278.00 lakhs have already been approved.

[*Translation*]

Decline in Unit Price of Export Items

*446. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the unit price of some export items;

(b) if so, the teams whose price has declined this year and the extent of decline in each case; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to increase the unit price of such items and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The items in respect of which unit value price registered a decline during the period April-October 1991 as compared to April-October 1990 include primary products such as Cardamom small (a decline of 16%), Tobacco products (-9.1%), Sugar (-11.3%), Alumina (-17.3%), Chrome Ore (-5.7%), Salt (-21.8%), etc. The prices of certain manufactured items such as TV sets, Telephone instruments, Video/Audio casettes and Two-in-one have also come down by approximately 10-12%.

(c) Since India is not the dominant exporter in most items, the Government has little influence on the pricing of most products in the international markets which are determined by market forces. However, Government is making efforts to encourage export of value-added products to realise higher unit value prices. Export of certain products such as value-added agriculture products, marine products, electronics, bulk drugs and formulations and certain categories of advanced engineering goods are entitled to an additional Eximscrips of 10 percentage points, taking the total Eximscrips rate to 40% of f.o.b. value. These measures are expected to show positive results soon.

Textile Mills Under BIC and NTC in Kanpur

*447. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of unviable/closed mills under the British India Corporation and the National Textile Corporation in Kanpur; and

(b) the steps taken by the government to make these mills viable and safeguard the future of the employes of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No mill under the British India Corporation Ltd or the National Textile Corporation Ltd in Kanpur is at present closed. Although the mills under British India Corporation Ltd and National Textile Corporation Ltd in Kanpur are incurring losses, closure of these mills is not contemplated in near future.

(b) Government has taken steps to improved the performance of these mills through the process of modernisation and labour rationalisation.

[*English*]

Acquiring land for development Project

4526. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether States are forced to acquire vast areas of lands for irrigation projects and other public works spending huge amount towards compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to fix a ceiling on the rates of compensation by suitably amending the Land Acquisition Act, 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The relevant information is being collected.

Karbi and Mizo population in Neighbouring Countries

4527. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karbi and Mizo Population exist in Bangladesh, Burma, Thailand and China;

(b) if so, their number and area of habitance; and

(c) whether they are well protected by civil, democratic and other rights in those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). According to available information, only Mizo popula-